



Chairperson Vice-Chair

**DETROIT BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
Minutes of the Board of Police Commissioners Meeting
Thursday, September 24, 2009**

The meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners was held on Thursday, September 24, 2009, at 3:00 p.m., at Police Headquarters, 1300 Beaubien Street, Detroit, Michigan 48226.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present

Rev. Ronald L. Griffin
Mohamed Okdie
Toney Stewart **(ABS)**
Adela Rivera
Rev Jim Holley **(ABS)**

Cmdr. Gail Wilson-Turner
Sgt. Michael Dailey
Sgt. Romel Alexander
PO Lucretia Wright

Department Personnel Present

Chief Warren Evans
AC Ralph Godbee
AC Lawrence Meyer
DC Andre Simenauer
DC James Tolbert
2nd DC John Roach
Cmdr. Brian Stair
Cmdr. Todd Bettison
Cmdr. Benjamin Lee
Sgt. Dennis Perkins
Sgt. Shirley Berger
PO Sophia Nelms

Board Staff Present

Dante' L. Goss, Executive Director
Celia Banks-Washington, Attorney/Supervising Inv.
Arnold Sheard, Chief Investigator **(ABS)**
Lt. Lashinda Houser, Police Personnel
Ainsley Cromwell, Supervising Investigator
Leslie J. Griffin, Community Affairs Coordinator
PO Kent Cooper

OTHERS PRESENT

Marc Deldin
Tijuana Morris

Edward Moore
Ron Scott

Rev. Karen Goodson
Phil Mill

RECORDERS

PO Terence Bell
Robert Brown

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Griffin called the meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners to order at 3:00 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- **Thursday, September 24, 2009**

MOTION: **Comm. Okdie** made the motion to approve the Agenda.

SECOND: **Comm. Rivera** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **Thursday, September 17, 2009**

MOTION: **Comm. Okdie** made the motion to approve the Minutes.

SECOND: **Comm. Rivera** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

4. BOPC OFFICER'S REPORT

1. CHAIRPERSON

2. SECRETARY'S REPORT

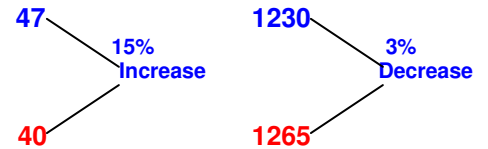
CITIZEN COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

2009 - Weekly Count of Complaints:

2008 - Weekly Count of Complaints:

This Week

Year to Date



- The Office of the Chief Investigator has a total of **1,107** active investigations, of which **781** of those are for 2009. A total of **1,387** investigations have been closed since January 1, 2009.

TOTAL WEEKLY ALLEGATIONS & COMMAND

Total	COMMAND	ALLEGATIONS									Total
CCR	W/E 09/24/09	Arrest	Demeanor	Force	Harassment	Entry	Procedure	Property	Search	Service	Allegations
2	CENTRAL		1	1							2
7	NORTHEASTERN	1	4	3			2	1		2	13
2	NORTHWESTERN						2	1			3
1	SOUTHWESTERN						1				1
3	GANG ENFORCEMENT		2	1			1		1		5
1	CHIEF OF POLICE		1				1				2
6	COMMUNICATIONS		1							6	7
3	NARCOTICS		2				2	1	1		6
1	TCRU		1							1	2
18	UNKNOWN COMMAND		6	3	1	1	11		1	4	27
3	10TH PRECINCT	1	1				3	1			6
47		2	19	8	1	1	23	4	3	13	74

Chairperson Griffin stated for Director Goss to submit a report on the status of the closing of old citizen complaints to come into compliance regarding the Consent Decree.

Exec Dir. Goss stated yes, sir.

5. PRESENTATION/REPORT-CHIEF OF POLICE

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Detroit Police Department

Report to the Board of Police Commissioners



Special Points of Interest:

• Next meeting:

Thursday, October 1, 2009

@ 3:00 P.M.

Detroit Police Department
1300 Beaubien #328-A
Detroit, Michigan 48226

“Building a Safer Detroit Through Community Partnerships”

The Detroit Police Department is committed to uphold its mission to provide a safe environment for our residents and businesses. This effort is not possible without the joint commitment of the community and the Police Department. We appreciate and value the role our citizens have played in helping us to take the guns and drugs off the streets of the city of Detroit.

SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

Domestic Violence

On September 15, 2009, while on routine patrol in the 9000 block of Bryden, officers of the Southwestern District investigated a disturbance in the middle of the street and a subject was arrested. As a result of the investigation conducted by members of Domestic Violence, the subject was charged with 2 counts of “Assault with a Dangerous Weapon (Felony Assault)” and 1 count of Domestic Violence.”

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Engaging the Community

Citizens wishing to make a police report may do so at the District/Precinct stations in the city of Detroit. Citizens may also utilize the following District Mini/Sub-Stations to make reports.

<u>Location</u>	<u>Hours of Operation</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
1300 Beaubien	24 Hours	596-5100
20500 Conant	* 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.	892-5456
7737 Kercheval	* 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.	628-2121
19810 Grand River	* 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.	870-0649
13530 Lesure	8 a.m. to 11 p.m.	596-5300
2575 S. Schaefer	* 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.	297-9423
20 Atwater	24 Hours	237-2850
13206 E. Jefferson	* 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.	821-5851
22101 Moross (St. John Hospital)	* 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.	343-7506
14700 Mack	* 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.	852-4046

* Mini-Stations– Monday –Friday

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Police / Community Intervention

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Twelfth Precinct

On September 17, 2009, while on patrol in the 18000 block of Mendota, officers of the Twelfth Precinct observed a subject attempt to break into a dwelling. As a result of their investigation, a subject was arrested and charged with "Home Invasion and Habitual 3rd."



Northeastern District



Tenth Precinct

On September 17, 2009, while patrolling the area of Cardoni and East 7 Mile, officers of the Northeastern District were flagged down by citizens on a "Person Armed With a Weapon." As a result of the officers' quick response, a subject was arrested and charged with "Brandishing a Firearm." The weapon was recovered.

On September 18, 2009, while on routine patrol in the area of Euclid and Homer, officers of the Tenth Precinct investigated a subject for traffic violations. As a result of their investigation, the subject was arrested and charged with "Receiving & Concealing Stolen Property."



Sixth Precinct

On September 15, 2009, officers of the Sixth Precinct responded to the 12000 block of Burt on a "Home Invasion." Subsequent to their investigation, a subject was arrested and charged with "Home Invasion."

Chief Evans introduced DC Simenauer of Communications and stated for years everyone was under the impression that the in-car video did not work. He stated that the Deputy Chief has made some drastic improvements.

DC Simenauer gave an update of the In-Car Video System, the pilot program in reference to the 10th and 12th Precincts.

SEE ATTACHMENTS

Comm. Okdie asked if he could tell if the equipment was tampered with or just not working.

DC Simenauer stated they found a little of both. Take the microphone for example; the officers did something inside of them to shut them off.

Comm. Okdie asked were all the cameras working.

DC Simenauer stated no, some of them were bad.

Comm. Okdie asked if anything was done maliciously.

DC Simenauer stated there weren't any malicious reports.

The recording was inaudible at this point.

Comm. Rivera stated this was a bad situation referring to the in-car video.

DC Simenauer stated yes, but he was still very proud of the significant changes that they have been able to make.

Comm. Rivera asked if he uses the same information technology workers that the City uses.

DC Simenauer stated they use a combination of city IT workers and contractors. He stated he used contractors because the detail technician was on vacation.

Chairperson Griffin asked has everything been done to tamper-proof the system.

DC Simenauer stated they have put several mechanisms in place.

Chairperson Griffin asked what's the age of the current vehicles that are now operational.

DC Simenauer stated the majority of them are 2007's.

Chairperson Griffin asked if he had a plan in place to continue the progress.

DC Simenauer stated their plan is to select the next district or precinct and to make sure they have the necessary parts for repairs.

Chairperson Griffin asked for a timetable to come back before this Board and give a progress update.

DC Simenauer stated in about six (6) weeks.

Chairperson Griffin stated the Board will be expecting him back in six (6) weeks. He asked the Chief if there is anything this Board can do to make sure the department has everything it needs.

Chief Evans stated as of now, there isn't anything the Board can do to assist regarding this issue.

Chairperson Griffin stated if the next Budget will have an impact on this issue, then this Board will offer their support to make sure the department has what it needs.

Comm. Rivera: The recording was inaudible at this point.

DC Simenauer: The recording was inaudible at this point.

Comm. Rivera asked whose responsibility it will be at the precinct to make sure that everything that you have put in place continues to be followed.

DC Simenauer stated each district or precinct has that responsibility.

Cmdr. Bettison stated the Commanders of the district or precinct will be responsible for those inspections.

Chairperson Griffin asked if any of the cameras will be put in undercover cars.

DC Simenauer stated no, not this system maybe with another system.

Chairperson Griffin asked is there other technology out there that can be used.

Chief Evans stated there's technology out there, but they are busy trying to make sure the department is in compliance with the Consent Decree.

Chairperson Griffin stated the Board looks forward to revisiting this issue.

6. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no committee reports.

7. NEW BUSINESS

Comm. Okdie stated there was a Wayne County Mental Health Conference that was held on Belle Isle with collaboration with the Police Department. He thanked all of those who made it a success.

Comm. Rivera stated it was a huge success, informative and although the Chief Evans was called away, AC Godbee did a wonderful job representing the police department.

Exec Dir Goss made a recommendation to promote Inv. Lawrence Akbar and Inv. Melanie White to Senior Investigators. He also made a recommendation to hire Mariama Johnson, Carolyn Nichols, Ronald Godbee, and Nikki Coleman as Police Commissioners Investigators.

Comm. Okdie stated he will make the motion to approve the recommendations, if Robert Brown was given a promotion as well.

MOTION: **Comm. Okdie** made the motion to approve the Recommendations and Promotion.

SECOND: **Comm. Rivera** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

Chairperson Griffin stated he also gives his sentiments to the promotion as well.

Exec Dir Goss agreed with everyone sentiments as well.

8. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

9. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, October 1, 2009
Police Headquarters
1300 Beaubien Rm. 328-A
Detroit, MI 48226

10. ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

P. Mill stated he was given a false ticket by a DPD Officer and would like some assistance.

Chairperson Griffin asked if he remembered the officer's name.

P. Mill stated yes, it is on the ticket.

Chairperson Griffin asked him to speak with Supervising Investigator Cromwell.

E. Moore stated for the Board and the department to continue to help and assist the citizens and continue to use Councilman Kenyatta's office.

Rev. Karen Goodson stated she has two properties in the city and they are being threatened by drug dealers.

Chairperson Griffin stated he asked Rev. Goodson to come because she has some valuable information and had someone to assist her.

R. Scott stated hopefully in the near future during a presentation, the citizens will be allowed to ask questions during the presentation. His other concern is that the in-car video should be included in undercover vehicles as well.

AC Godbee stated for clarification, the department uses the term "undercover" a little loosely. He stated the department's 30 series and plain clothes aren't undercover only the unmarked black vehicles won't have in-car video.

Chairperson Griffin stated going forward, during some of the presentations, the Board will allow questions from the public during the presentation.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DANTE' L. GOSS
Executive Director
Board of Police Commissioners

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